

MINUTES OF FRAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH JAN 2024 AT 1930 AT FRAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Ashton (Chairman), Cllr Burton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Pryke (Frampton Parish & Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward), Cllr Fowler, Cllr Clare, Cllr Tennent, Cllr Balgarnie

Absent: Cllr Hildred, Cllr Hladun, Claire Rylott (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward), Allison Austin (Lincolnshire County Councillor),

In attendance: Max Barlow (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer), David Middleton (Boston Borough Councillor – Kirton & Frampton Ward)

- **Pre-meeting - 10-minute allocation for the Police and Public to speak:**

66. Declarations for absence and reasons given (Agenda item 1 18.01.24)

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hildred, Cllr Hladun, Cllr Rylott & Cllr Austin.

67. Declarations of interest (Agenda item 2 18.01.24)

No declarations of interest.

68. Approval of minutes for meeting held 16th November 2023 (Agenda item 3 18.01.24)

Cllr Ashton asked for the minutes to mention that a representative from Kirton Parish Council was in attendance.

Cllr Balgarnie asked for item 60)e) to say Craft Fair rather than Remembrance.

Cllr Pryke said he had spoken to relevant people at the BBC, and said that it was discriminatory for him to be not down as both a Borough and Parish Councillor in the minutes, and asked for it to be changed.

Cllr Pryke asked for item 60)n) to say supplied as well as looked at.

The minutes are to be changed and signed off at the next meeting.

69. Planning applications (Agenda item 4 18.01.24)

a) B/21/0414/CD3 – No comments or observations

b) B/23/0417 – No comments or observations

c) B/21/0078/NMA – No comments or observations

d) B/23/0435 – Cllr Burton mentioned that the next door semi-detached neighbour could be concerned with the plans, but the Council itself had no comments themselves.

70. Environment of the Parish (Agenda item 5 18.01.24)

a) Cllr Pryke mentioned the Nat Grid from Grimsby to Walpole upgrade.

b) Cllr Pryke spoke on a Litter Picking event he took part in before Christmas.

c) Cllr Pryke had reported fallen speed signs down Middlegate Road West and Sandholme Lane.

- d) Cllr Pryke has had a resident come to him about issues with speeding down Fen Road, who wants a speed restriction from Swineshead Road to the bridge. The Chair told Cllr Pryke to pass the resident on to him to talk about the issue.
- e) Cllr Pryke has had other complaints about speeding down Church End and West End Road. Likely trying to avoid traffic in Boston.
- f) Cllr Pryke has asked LCC to sweep paths and gutters on Church End outside the hall.
- g) Cllr Pryke has enquired about a large wooden shed/garage at Coopers Cottage, Church End. May be permitted development.
- h) Cllr Pryke mentioned a complaint from a resident about a structure in neighbours garden being close to boundary and rain water running off into their garden. The resident believes the structure needed permission.
- i) Cllr Pryke said that the RSPB have plans to expand their reserves. This likely means more parking is needed. He has asked if they had come to LCC to improve roads to the reserves as they aren't in the best state, but apparently they haven't.
- j) Cllr Burton said that he would attempt to attend the upcoming devolution meetings.
- k) Cllr Burton spoke to some representatives at Black Sluice IDB about the small tree in their drain. Hoped they would clear it out and they did.
- l) Cllr Burton reported the 30mph sign that had fallen at top of Middlegate Road.
- m) Cllr Burton mentioned the Pancake evening in February hosted by St Michaels Church.
- n) Cllr Burton had reported pot holes down West End Road on Fix my Street, which have now been sorted.
- o) Cllr Balgarnie mentioned that there was a street lamp flashing by the Main Road Middlegate Crossing.
- p) Cllr Tennent mentioned the recent Facebook posts about the Wyberton Gate situation. Expressed her frustration and disappointment as it made it seem like Frampton were at fault, as we had tried to come to multiple solutions but had been shot down at every attempt. All Councillors expressed the same disappointment. Cllr Ashton said that the signs in the wrong place had been agreed to be taken down, and should have no reference to Wyberton on them.
- q) Cllr Clare asked if the Poppy Wreaths could be left until the D-Day memorial in June, to which no one objected.
- r) Cllr Middleton mentioned he had been asked to get involved with a resident down Frampton Fen Road, nearly getting flooded out house. They got an emergency planning officer involved, got an electrician to sort the heating, and reported the blocked up dyke to Fix my Street.
- s) Cllr Middleton is currently involved trying to sort a meeting with Anglian Water about sewage problems down Middlegate Road.
- t) Cllr Ashton said we were allowed for the Beacon to be lit for D-Day for it's 80th anniversary, on the 6th of June. All supported the idea.
- u) Cllr Pryke briefly mentioned the Devolution meeting at the start of the month.

71. Setting of Precept 24/25 (Agenda item 6 18.01.24)

Cllr Ashton had gone to the 3 Village halls and asked for electricity costs over the past year. He suggested that the Council offer a grant of 25% of last years costs for the coming year to all of the Village Halls. The costs for all 3 halls would be approximately £2000, and the figures would be reviewed in 2025. Cllr Ashton

proposed we raise the precept by this amount to help the village hall as well as prepare for the influx in houses coming to Frampton with the large housing developments being built. A majority of the councillors were in agreement. However, it was decided that the Precept would be decided in another meeting after last years financial figures were sent out to look at to make a better judgement.

72. Setting of Budget 24/25 (Agenda item 7 18.01.24)

It was decided that the budget would be decided in another meeting after last years financials were sent out to the Councillors to make a better judgement.

73. Signing of AGAR 22/23 (Agenda item 8 18.01.24)

The internal auditors report was read out. The 2022/2023 AGAR was dated and signed.

74. Approval of code of conduct (Agenda item 9 18.01.24)

The code of conduct was approved, with a review date of 18.01.2026

75. Outer Dowsing Project (Agenda item 10 18.01.24)

Cllr Burton mentioned communications he had had with members of the project. Funding talks will apparently start in 2024, but will not go to houses but rather education and facilities. He mentioned that the pre-school was a possible route to secure some funding. There is a meeting in Surfleet on 31/1/24 for groups that have shown interest.

76. Defibrillators (Agenda item 11 18.01.24)

Both are installed and working, and can be found on the national map circuit UK. Cllr Burton suggested training for not the use of the defibrillators, but the other parts of resuscitation such as the compression etc. He proposed having some delegates come along from the groups that use the village halls, for a training evening that we financially support. All were in favour.

77. Parish newsletter (Agenda item 12 18.01.24)

Newsletter is now up and running. Reports of some people not getting them in certain areas which we shall try and sort. Cllr Ashton asked Cllr's Tennent & Fowler if they would sort the next issue to which they both agreed. Need about 600 issues at the moment. Costs for the last issue were £500.

78. Discussions on meeting with Village Hall (Agenda item 13 18.01.24)

Cllr Ashton shared his surprise and positivity in the enthusiasm presented from the meeting with the village hall, with that meeting springing on the idea of offering a grant for electricity costs.

79. Correspondence (Agenda item 14 18.01.24)

Email with notice and info on Nat Grid Grimsby to Walpole proposals.
Liaison Meeting on 25th of Jan for Parish Councils
Info on comments on the Milestone application

